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In re application of:)

STILLWAGON ET AL.)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application
as follows:In the Claims:Please amend claims 1-5 by adding the underlined sections and deleting the sections in
brackets ([]):

1. (Amended) A latching apparatus comprising:
- a post member defining,
 - an elongated axis,
 - an elongated, axially [laterally] extending latching surface defined
by at least one [at an] outer radius from said elongated axis,
 - and
 - an elongated, axially [laterally] extending releasing surface defined
by at least one [at an] inner radius from said elongated axis,
 - wherein said outer radius is greater than said inner radius;
 - a latching assembly defining a passage for receiving said post member and
including a grip means extending at least partially into said passage for,

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